

**Attached is Replacement
for
Agenda Item No. 24**

**Ratification of April 26, 2005 Workshop
on Health Care Sales Tax Referendum**

Board of County Commissioners Meeting of Tuesday, April 26, 2005

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Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: April 26, 2005

Date Submitted: April 26, 2005

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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Subject: Ratification of Actions Taken at the Consideration of Sales Tax Funding for the Primary Healthcare Program Workshop

Statement of Issue:

To ratify actions taken by the Board at the workshop of April 26, 2005 on the Consideration of Sales Tax Funding for the Primary Healthcare Program.

Background:

On April 26, 2005, the Board of County Commissioners conducted a workshop on the Consideration of Sales Tax Funding for the Primary Healthcare Program.

Analysis:

The workshop materials provided the Board with an analysis of how the County's Primary Healthcare Program could be funded through the imposition of a ½ cent local option sales tax while correspondingly eliminating the Primary Healthcare Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU).

Following discussion of the issue, the Board took the following actions:

- Appointed Commissioner DePuy to serve on the Primary Healthcare Advisory Board (PHAB).
- Direct the PHAB:
 - To Review the ½ cent sales tax as a funding source to replace the existing MSTU.
 - In reviewing the ½ cent sales tax, to consider what other County's sales tax levies are and to review the possible economic impacts of moving the sales tax rate from 7.5% to 8.0%.
 - To consider all other service delivery models.
 - To review the overall need of the existing program.
- For Staff to provide funding alternatives as part of the current budget process.

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Options:

1. Ratify actions taken at the April 26, 2005 workshop on the Consideration of Sales Tax Funding for the Primary Healthcare Program.
2. Do not ratify actions taken at the April 26, 2005 workshop on the Consideration of Sales Tax Funding for the Primary Healthcare Program.
3. Board direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

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